

REMARKS

Claims 1, 5, and 11 have been amended. No claims have been canceled. No new claims have been added. Claims 1, 3-7, and 9-15 are pending.

Claims 1-15 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Tsukamoto (U.S. Patent No. 5,128,981). This rejection is respectfully traversed.

Claim 1 recites, *inter alia*, “a storage ... a display ... and a time reference ... wherein the displayed selected information is variable dependent on the current time of day information, and the selected information is displayed as a sequential list that scrolls in response to a change in current time of day information.”

Claim 7 recites, *inter alia*, “selecting information from said database according to said current time of day information; and displaying said selected information; wherein the selected information is displayed as a sequential list which scrolls in response to a change in current time of day information.”

The Office Action asserts at page 2 that Tsukamoto discloses at Fig. 26 a process 1310 which includes a step 801 of checking whether a time read from a schedule is equal to the present time, and at Fig. 11, a schedule which is shown on a line-by-line basis. Based upon these assertions, the Office Action concludes that Tsukamoto must disclose the scrolling of schedule items based upon the current time. It is respectfully asserted that the Office Action is in error with respect to its assertions regarding Figs. 26 and 11. As such, the conclusion reached by the Office Action is invalid. As explained below in greater detail, Tsukamoto does not teach or suggest any type of scrolling of schedule information based upon the current time.

With respect to Fig. 26, it is important to recognize that Fig. 26 illustrates a process used for operating an alarm set in a schedule. Column 5, lines 2-26. In fact, Tsukamoto discloses:

According to this invention, the present location information and the schedule information are used, and when a person is not at the corresponding location at a time set in the schedule, an alarm is issued against the owner, or operator of the telephone. The alarm is issued by controlling the bell 931 by the bell driver 930 so that the alarm tone is different from the normal ringing tone. ... This function is executed by the schedule check program 1310 as shown in FIG. 26.

Column 20, lines 28-43 (emphasis supplied).

Further, the method steps subsequent to step 801 (i.e., steps 802-807) are all directed to processing for an alarm. Fig. 26 is therefore irrelevant to the claimed subject matter.

With respect to Fig. 11, it is important to recognize that Fig. 11 is merely an illustration of a schedule displayed for a particular date, as selected using the user interface illustrated by Fig. 10. Column 4, lines 63-64. While the schedule comprised of a plurality of line items 11a, 11b, 11c, 11d, and 11e each associated with a particular time, there is no disclosure or suggestion in Tsukamoto regarding changing the contents of the line items displayed in the schedule based upon the relationship between the current time and the times associated with each line item.

Tsukamoto therefore fails to disclose or suggest “a storage ... a display ... and a time reference ... wherein the selected information is variable dependent on the current time of day information, and the selected information is displayed as a sequential list that scrolls in response to a change in current time of day information” (as recited by claim 1) or “selecting information from said database according to said current time of day information; and displaying said selected information; wherein the selected information is displayed as a sequential list which scrolls in response to a change in current time of day information” (as recited by claim 7).

Claims 1 and 7 are believed to be allowable over the prior art of record. Depending claims 3-4 and 9-11 are also believed to be allowable for at least the same reasons as claims 1 and 7.

Claim 5 recites, *inter alia*, “wherein said time of day indicator is associated on the display with one of said at least two displayed schedule data coincident with said current time of day information.”

Claim 12 recites, *inter alia*, “displaying a list of at least two of said schedule data and a time of day indicator associated with one of said at least two displayed schedule data coincident with the current time of day information.”

The Office Action alleges at page 4 that Tuskamoto discloses at Fig. 11 a list of schedule data and a time of day indicator. It is respectfully asserted that the Office Action is in error. Tuskamoto Fig. 11 illustrates a table in which the first row includes date information, a second row of column headers, and succeeding rows of schedule information. Each row of schedule information includes a time period, however, the table illustrated by Fig. 11 does not include a time of day indicator. Compare, e.g., Tuskamoto Fig. 11 with application Fig. 3 and page 4, lines 11-12 (“The current time of day is indicated by an arrow ‘>’ to the left of the time column in the display; hence, Figure 3 shows the daily schedule display at 11am.”).

Tuskamoto therefore fails to disclose or suggest “wherein said time of day indicator is associated on the display with one of said at least two displayed schedule data coincident with said current time of day information” (as recited by claim 5) or “displaying a list of at least two of said schedule data and a time of day indicator associated with one of said at least two displayed schedule data coincident with the current time of day information” (as recited by claim 12).

Claims 5 and 12 are believed to be allowable over the prior art of record. Depending claims 6 and 13-15 are also believed to be allowable for at least the same reasons as claims 5 and 12.


CONCLUSION

In light of the amendments contained herein, Applicants submit that the application is in condition for allowance, for which early action is requested.

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